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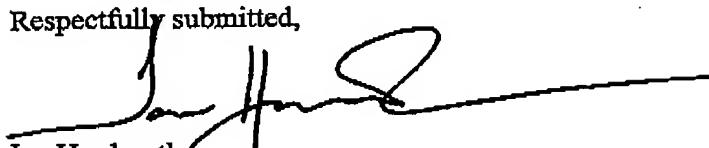
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Enclosed is the a Notice of Appeal in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,


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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, Sept. 22, 2004, rejecting the following claims 2-20, 22-28, and 30-33.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 1.17(b)) is \$500.00.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

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The extension fee has already been filed in this application.

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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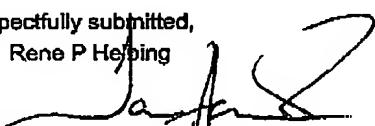
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